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SUBJ: FONMIN ALLON DEPARTURE REMARKS

1. PRIOR TO DEPARTING FOR US, FONMIN ALLON MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS TO PRESS AT BEN-GURION AIRPORT.
 2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, ALLON SAID HIS DISCUSSIONS WOULD CENTER ON BI-LATERAL US-ISRAELI RELATIONS, AND REGIONAL PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY NEXT PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND REACTIVATION OF GENEVA CONF.
 3. ALLON WAS ASKED IF HE COULD DRAW ANY PARALLELS BETWEEN CYPRUS SITUATION AND ARQB-ISRAELI CONFLICT ALLON RESPONDED WHILE WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN CYPRUS WAS A TRAGEDY AND UN PRESENCE THERE HAD NOT PREVENTED CONFLICT, CONDITIONS PREVAILING ON CYPRUS WERE NOT NECESSARILY RELEVANT TO ISRAEL. ALLON ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE ISRAEL GREATLY APPRECIATED ROLE THAT UNEF AND UNDOF WERE PLAYING, THEY COULD NOT PREVENT A WAR
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IF OTHER SIDE WANTED TO FIGHT.

4. ASKED ABOUT JULY 21 CABINET COMMUNIQUE RE ISRAELI READINESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH JORDAN, ALLON DENIED THAT CABINET HAD USED ALLON PLAN AS A BASIS FOR ITS DISCUSSIONS. ONCE NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN WITH JORDAN, HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF PLANS WOU

BE CONSIDERED, INCLUDING ALLON PLAN. ALLON CHARACTERIZED JULY 21 CABINET DECISION AS A GOOD ONE IN THAT IT RECOGNIZED THAT A PALESTINIAN IDENTITY WOULD BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH A PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN.

5. QUERIED WHETHER WATERGATE WOULD WEAKEN US' ROLE IN MID EAST, ALLON SAID THAT IN SPITE OF DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES, PRESIDENT HAD PROVEN HIS EFFECTIVENESS IN FOREIGN POLICY ON A GLOBAL AND REGIONAL SCALE.
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